

Exhibit 8

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1 would be.

2 Q. Right, but if you went to the CMS
3 website, for example, or if you used the National
4 Pharmaceutical Council's publication and you
5 looked up the reimbursement formula used by
6 California, it would show you AWP minus some
7 percent, isn't that correct?

8 A. That is correct. That's a formula
9 California would choose to use.

10 Q. Correct. Okay.
11 Do you know when you first became
12 aware of that, that California used an AWP minus
13 some percentage formula?

14 A. I'm not sure exactly what year,
15 but it almost seems like the majority of states
16 do use an AWP minus formula --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- among other tools that they
19 choose to use.

20 Q. Right. Okay.

21 So would it be a fair statement to
22 say that probably for at least the majority of

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1 that period of time, that is 1994 through 2004,
2 you were aware that California used that AWP
3 minus formula to reimburse pharmacies under its
4 Medicaid system?

5 A. Among other --

6 MR. CARBERRY: Objection as to
7 form.

8 A. Among other tools they, they, in
9 fact, could have used the AWP minus formula, yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 But I'm just talking about that
12 period of time.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Your knowledge during that period
15 of time. Is that an accurate statement, that
16 during that period of time you were aware of what
17 California used to reimburse pharmacies under the
18 Medicaid system?

19 A. Right. They used that as one of
20 their tools that I don't believe exclusively they
21 used AWP minus formula. They used other tools
22 to, for instance, like Federal Upper Limits

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1 and --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. -- and federal -- state MACs and
4 usual and customary.

5 Q. Okay.

6 Now, isn't it true that most
7 states that used an AWP as at least a basis for
8 reimbursement obtained that AWP price from First
9 DataBank?

10 MR. CARBERRY: Objection as to
11 form.

12 A. It's my understanding that First
13 DataBank was one of the main sources of that
14 information.

15 Q. Okay.

16 And, in fact, California or its
17 agents obtained their AWPs or the AWPs that
18 California used for its reimbursement from First
19 DataBank?

20 MR. CARBERRY: Objection as to
21 form.

22 Q. Are you aware of that?

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1 Q. Well, what if an F-U-L was
2 eliminated on a particular Sandoz product,
3 product, do you believe that the sales and
4 marketing department would have been interested
5 in that as well?

6 A. They very well possibly could have
7 been.

8 Q. Are you aware, Mr. Hartmann --
9 Strike that.

10 Let me direct your attention or
11 redirect your attention for a little while to
12 GPhA.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Okay.

15 I know you've given a substantial
16 amount of testimony about it. I'm going to try
17 not to repeat any of the questions that
18 Mr. Riklin asked you earlier.

19 I know you testified that GPhA has
20 a Board of Directors which you've never been on,
21 but somebody from Sandoz has always sat on,
22 correct?

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1 A. I believe that is correct, yes.

2 Q. Okay.

3 Does GPhA have or has it ever had
4 an executive committee?

5 A. I believe they do, yes.

6 Q. Is that a part of the Board of
7 Directors?

8 A. I believe it is.

9 Q. Okay.
10 Have you ever been on that
11 committee?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Has anyone from Sandoz ever been
14 on that committee?

15 A. Yes, I believe our CEO
16 traditionally is a member of the, of the
17 executive committee.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Has the CEO of Sandoz, whoever
20 that person is or was, been on that executive
21 committee since the inception of GPhA?

22 A. I don't know for sure. I assume

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1 that may be correct, but I don't know for sure.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. There's been some periods of time
4 where we hadn't had a CEO and that type of thing
5 so perhaps.

6 Q. Okay.

7 Now, you're familiar with GPhA's
8 Medicaid task force, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 In fact, you were a member of that
12 task force, correct?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. Okay.

15 Is the Medicaid task force still
16 in existence?

17 A. I don't believe it is or if it is
18 we don't meet very often.

19 Q. Well, okay. When was the last
20 time you recall the GPhA Medicaid task force
21 meeting?

22 A. I don't know if we -- we may have

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1 And then she goes on to say: On
2 the contrary, AMP represents only a snapshot in
3 time, then in parens it says, as discussed more
4 fully below, of a complex set of sales records.
5 In fact, given the spectrum of variables
6 impacting AMP, there will be a different AMP for
7 the same sale depending on the timing of the AMP
8 calculation.

9 You understood what Ms. Jaeger was
10 saying there, correct, Mr. Hartmann?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. Okay.

13 Then if you look with me to the
14 next page you see the heading limitations on the
15 usefulness of AMP?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And the sentence right below that
18 says AMP is mistakenly perceived as an indicator
19 of market prices, however, it bears little
20 relevance to market price.

21 You understood, Mr. Hartmann, what
22 Ms. Jaeger was stating when you read this letter?

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1 You understood what she was stating in that, in
2 those sentences when you read this letter?

3 A. Right. Potentially there can be
4 problems with AMP and what is actually paid in
5 the marketplace.

6 Q. Okay.

7 And Sandoz had no disagreement
8 with the positions or the statements made by
9 Ms. Jaeger in those sentences, correct?

10 A. That is correct. I don't recall
11 any specific.

12 Q. Okay.

13 And I'm sorry you needed to read
14 this entire letter, but that's all the questions
15 I have on this document.

16 A. Okay.

17 MR. DOUGLAS: Are you going to be a
18 minute? We need to substitute an exhibit in.

19 Go ahead. Never mind. We can
20 wait.

21 MR. ROSS: Okay.

22 MR. DOUGLAS: You were sorting